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HB 167 AN ACT Relating to Energy M. Marzian, K. Flood, J. Jenkins, R. Meeks, R. Smart, J. Wayne

Would establish a renewable and efficiency portfolio standard for the state. Under this legislation Kentucky would meet a 12.5% renewable mandate (includes a 1% solar carve out) and a 10.25% efficiency mandate by 2022. The legislation also sets up a feed-in-tariff model where the PSC would set rates at which utilities would purchase renewable electricity. The rates would differ by technology.

Jan 3-introduced in House
Jan 4-to Tourism Development & Energy (H)

HB 187 AN ACT Relating to Net Metering S. Riggs, R. Crimm, K. Flood, J. Jenkins, M. Marzian, R. Meeks

This bill would increase the net metering cap from 30 kilowatts to 2 megawatts and would remove the requirement that eligible customer generators own and operate the system. This would allow leased systems to receive the same net metering benefit as owned systems.

Jan 3-introduced in House
Jan 4-to Tourism Development & Energy (H)

## HB 255 AN ACT relating to the promotion of energy efficiency R. Adkins, et al.

This bill would establish the Kentucky Green Schools Authority and establish the green schools fund to provide support for guaranteed energy savings performance contract projects to increase school energy efficiency. The bill also reserves 10% of the state private activity bond cap for small or medium-sized manufacturing facility energy efficiency bond projects issued by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA); directs DEDI to provide technical assistance to local governments, area development districts, housing authorities, and school districts regarding methods to maximize energy conservation and efficiency; and establishes a pilot program for assisting school districts with obtaining LEED certification for existing buildings.

Awaiting vote on the House floor

## HB 246 AN ACT relating to the promotion of alternative energy R. Adkins, et al.

This bill would add energy storage, and energy efficiency or conservation technology the types of alternative and renewable energy qualifying for incentives under the Incentives for Energy Independence Act; expand the types of alternative fuels, renewable energy, energy storage, and component manufacturing facilities qualifying for incentives; and exempt sales of some geothermal drilling supplies and tools from sales and use tax.

Passed the House, assigned to a committee in the Senate, received two readings on the Senate floor

HB 245 AN ACT relating to clean and alternative transportation fuels K. Hall, R. Henderson, S. Riggs

This bill would require inspection of vehicles converted to operate in total or in part on CNG or LNG; authorize the Division for Air Quality to require some or all vehicles in a fleet to be converted to clean transportation fuels as part of a plan to achieve national air quality standards; provide a tax credit for purchasers of a motor vehicle (35% up to \$2,500), conversion of a motor vehicle (50% up to \$2,500), conversion of an item of special mobile equipment (50% up to \$1,000); requires the Kentucky Department of Education to consider allowing school buses to operate using clean transportation fuels

Jan 11-introduced in House Jan 12-to Transportation (H)

Additional energy-related legislation can be found at <a href="http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/3540.htm">http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/3540.htm</a>. Additional environment-related legislation can be found at <a href="http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/3600.htm">http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/3600.htm</a>